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(SBU) On November 21, Pol/Econ Counselor met with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT Disarmament Division Director Carolyn McDonald and the Division's Senior Policy Officer Raylene Liufalani regarding the demarche outlined in reftel. Both McDonald and Liufalani had been in touch with their mission in Vienna regarding El Baradei's report and had participated in US Mission UNVienna briefings. They said that the GNZ view on Iranian compliance was very much in line with that of the USG, and New Zealand agreed that unanswered questions regarding Iran's nuclear program remained. Both were appreciative of papers and other background materials that the US Mission in Vienna had provided to the New Zealand Embassy.

12. (SBU) Liufalani said that New Zealand, as an observer to the Board of Governors meeting, would provide public comment and urge that Iran address continued concerns on the part of the international community.

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